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The municipality of this city is seriously considering the necessity of establishing a provisional lazaretto for the isolation of contagious diseases.

*Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas, August 1 to 10, 1904.*

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Senility .....	1	154
Atalectasis of the lungs .....	1	151
Bacillosis .....	6	27
Enteritis, acute .....	2	105
Bright's disease .....	1	120
Athrepsia .....	1	105
Lesion of the heart (unqualified) .....	1	79
Arterio-sclerosis .....	2	79
Gangrene, senile .....	1	142
Metropéritonitis .....	1	137
Tetanus .....	2	72
Albuminuria .....	1	120
Cardiectasis .....	1	79
Total .....	21	

Annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 15.96; estimated population, 48,000.

*Report from Santiago.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports as follows:

*Transactions during month of July, 1904—Mortality.*

Bills of health issued .....	19
Crews .....	637
Passengers .....	179
Deaths from yellow fever .....	0
Deaths from other contagious diseases .....	a 1
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted) .....	92
Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city .....	0
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city .....	a 2

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*Reports from Guayaquil—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever—Plague in Peru.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, July 29 and August 5 and 6, as follows: Week ended July 27, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Total mortality from all causes, 47, as follows: Yellow fever, 7; infectious fever, 3; pernicious fever, 3; enteric diseases, 4; grippe, 3; tuberculosis, 3; fevers without classification, 4; from all other causes, 20.

On July 22 the steamship *Hathor*, en route from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for San Francisco. She took no passengers.

On July 26 steamship *Manavi* cleared for Ancon, C. Z., with the following personnel: Crew, 45; cabin passengers, 19; steerage, 10; all told, 74. This vessel left here with no passengers booked for Ancon, but all who had tickets for Puerto Bolivar were destined for the former place. I noted this on the bill of health. Both vessels were fumigated with sulphur before bill of health was issued.

<sup>a</sup> Two cases and one death from diphtheria.